Government during the Round Table on mining held in New Delhi in April, 1994 with regard to attracting the attention of the top mining companies in the world for gold exploration in India;

(b) what are the details of the foreign companies which have so far applied for gold exploration and mining rights in India and under what terms and conditions;

(c) whether any Indian company having experience in the field, has also applied for gold exploration; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take on the offers received so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d). No incentives were offered during the International Round Table Conference organised by the Ministry in April, 1994. However, opening up of the mineral sector for private investment has generated interest. As per provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, prospecting licences and mining leases can be given only to companies as defined under sub-section 1 of Section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956. Such licences/leases are given by the concerned State Government. Hence question of applying for such rights to the Central Government does not arise.

Production of MICA in Rajasthan

4329. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and locations of all the Mica Mines in the country as on 31st July, 1994;

(b) the annual mica production at each of these mines during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (till 30th June, 1994) particularly in Rajasthan;

(c) whether these mines are functioning to their full capacities, if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether Government have taken any concrete steps so that mica mining can get a boost indicating whether any modification in procurement policy for mica scrap has been made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The names and location of all the Mica Mines in the country as of June, 1994 is given in statement (*see* below).

(b) The annual Mica production for the entire country and for the State of Rajasthan during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (till June' 94) is as under:—

(Figures in tonnes)

	1992-93(P)		1993-94(P)		1994-95(P) (Till June '94)	
	Mica (Crude)	Waste & scrap	Mica (Crude)	Waste & scrap	Mica (Crude)	Waste & scrap
Rajasthan	165	446	70	167	19	9
Whole country	2507	1490	2099	1019	424	141

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(c) No, Sir. The main reasons, identified for the mines not functioning to their full capacity is the high cost of mining at deeper levels and lack of demand in the International Market on account of substitutes from mica and its products having been developed.

(d) In order that mica mining can get a boost, the Government has modified the procurement policy for mica scrap and thereby encourage establishment of industries providing mica based value added products.

Statement

List of Mica Mines as of June, 1994

Sl. No.	Name of Mine	Village
ANDHRA PRADESH		
1.	Narsimha	Batulapalli

Sl. No.	Name of Mine	Village
2.	Anantarama	Turimerla
3.	Jainarayana	Kalichedu
4.	K.S.R.	Kalichedu
5.	Meenakshi 84, 89, 91, 96 etc.	Utukur
6.	Meenakshi 131, 132, 134	Utukur
7.	Nataraja Mica Mine	Jogipalli
8.	Padmavati-Venkateshwara	Talupur
9.	Palamani	Utukur & Chaganam
10.	Pattabhirama	Thurimerla
11.	Raghavendra	Kalichedu
12.	Rustum	Tatiparthi
13.	S.R.A.	Degapudi
14.	S.V.K.D. & U.N.	Talupur
15.	Seetharama (Kalichedu)	Thurimerla
16.	Seetharama No. 64	Thurimerla
17.	Shah	Malakda Pandha
18.	Shalimar	Talupur
19.	Sri Kalyanarama (1,2,4)	Kalichedu
20	Sri Kalyanarama (Pit 3)	Kalichedu
21.	Sri Rajeshwari	Talupur
22.	Sri Saroja	Talupur
23.	Tellabodu	Molakalapundla
24.	Kodandaram Mica Mine	Utukur (Renuka)
25.	Veerunjanpya	—
26.	Salochana (5.76 Acres)	Thalupur
27.	D.N.R. PIT	—
28.	Mahalaxmi	—
29.	Jankiram	—
30.	Ramanvilas	Anantha-madugu
31.	Hanuman (26.60 Acres)	Shukurthi
32.	S.R.A. Mica (39.52) Acres	Degapudi
33.	Krishna	—
34.	Sri Vijaysuon	—
35.	Sitarama Jainarayana	—
36.	Achyutha	—
37.	Sri Chamundeshwari	—
38.	Raju Rajeshwari	—
39.	Sri Valaya Venkateshwara	—
40.	Dhanlaxmi	—
41.	Borra	Borra Getuvalasa
42.	Raghva Ram	Koithagoda
BIHAR		
43.	Bhujwa	Nagwan
44.	Mahabir Mica Mine(Burhia)	Katkoko
45.	Singho Pahari	Singho
46.	Kenduwa	Kenduwa
47.	Kathiton Pit No. 3	—
48.	Burhia (155.55 Acres)	Katkoko
49.	Sadwa	Nagwan
50.	Juginia (215.02 Acres)	Singho
51.	Chamkonia (215.02Acres)	Dellia
52.	Bandehchua	Govt. R.F. Kodarma
53.	Ganesh	Kodarma R.F.
54.	Lachnimiya	Dhab
55.	Jayanti	Sq No. 19 J (Small)
56.	Kali	Govt. R.F. Kodarma
57.	Kari	Govt. Reserve Forest
58.	Lomchanchi	Sq No. 37-F (Small)
59.	Murli Pahari Pit-3	Meghtari
60.	Pesra	Govt. R.F. Kodarma
61.	Pesra U/C	Kodarma Govt. Forest
62.	Shital Pit No. 2	Dhab
63.	Suggi	Govt. R.F. Kodarma
64.	Vandana	Dhab
65.	Sheoshankar	Kodarma R.F.
66.	Teluka Mica Mine	Kodarma Govt. Forest
67.	Shital Pit No. 3	Dhab
68.	Vishnu Mica Mine	Dhab
69.	Lakshmi Mica Mine	Dhab
70.	Mangla Prospecting	Kodarma
71.	Veloria	Kodarma
72.	Bichuwa	Lukai
73.	Shankur PROS	Chattakiber
74.	Bindeshwari	Sawaiya Tand
75.	Durga	Basron
76.	Hanumanti PROSP	Sewaiyatand
77.	Sethwa No. 2	Sawaiyaband.
78.	Sethwa No. 3	Belum
79.	Sethwa U/C Pit	Belam
80.	Parwathi	Sawaiya Tand
81.	Sharda U/C Pit-1	—
82	Bijay	Basrone
83.	Shyama	Basrone
84.	Vishnu	Sapahi
85.	Keriopory	Sawaiyatan
86.	Sotiya Pros	Sawaiyatan
RAJASTHAN		
87.	Devgarh Godown	Devgarh
88.	Dham 11/82	—
89.	Sarana (Bamboria)	Sarana
90.	Tilana	Tilana
91.	Tihari	Tihari
92.	Balawali Block No. 7	Dhadu
93.	Bambur (Ganeshpura) 1-A	Ganeshpura

Sl. No.	Name of Mine	Village
94.	Bhadu	Bhadu
95.	Bha-Khera (Mahadevi)	Bhalari Khera
96.	Bhojpura	Bhojpura
97.	Danta No. 1	Danta
98.	Danta No. 2	Danta
99.	Ghodas	Godas
100.	Kharia No. 1 Bhadu	Bhadu
101.	Lalita 1-C	Ganeshpura
102.	Laxmi Bhandar	Bhadu
103.	Leswa	Leswa
104.	M.L. Bhojpur Garib Nawaz	Bhojpura
105.	Moosha	Moosha
106.	Pansai Mining Corporation	—
107.	Ranas	Ranas
108.	Sanvaria Mines	—
109.	Toonky	—
110.	Toonka	Toonka
111.	Gagas	Gagas
112.	Ambakali	—
113.	Garib Nawaz	Bhojpura
114.	Bhood	Bhadu
115.	P.L. Bhadu	Bhadu
116.	Ganeshpura	Ganeshpura
117.	Shiv Bhandar	Kalikakheda
118.	Rajendra Mica Mine	Alinda
119.	Amrsingh Pokaria	Itala
120.	Shiv Bhandar	Kalika Kheda
121.	Bhalikheda	Bhalikheda

Hindustan Copper Ltd.

4330. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Copper Ltd. has recently signed an M.O.U. with the Ministry of Mines for increasing the production during 1994-95; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The MOU lays down agreed targets for production, profit, inventory control, consumption of inputs and other efficiency indicators for the company.

Mines and Materials Regulation and Development Act, 1957

4331. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring amendments in the Mines and Materials Regulation and Development Act, 1957 to the effect that materials important from Defence angle vest with Union Government and the rest with the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take suitable measures for the development of mines and materials in Gujarat and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National Mineral Policy announced in 1993 and subsequent amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 aim to encourage flow of investment in the mineral sector for its speedy development.

Consumption of Crude Steel

4332. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the energy consumption for per ton of crude steel in India in SAIL and TISCO in the last three years with year-wise break up;

(b) whether it is the same in foreign countries like USA, UK, Germany, Japan, Russia and China;

(c) the percentage that energy consumption contributes in cost of production;

(d) whether any optimum target has been fixed for Indian steel regarding energy consumption; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The energy consumption per ton of crude steel for SAIL integrated steel plants and TISCO for the last three years has been as follows:

Year	Energy consumption (G. Cal/tcs) SAIL	TISCO
1991-92	9.17	9.3
1992-93	9.06	9.3
1993-94	8.93	9.4